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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

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**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas
McDonough Telephone Cooperative**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

McDonough Telephone Cooperative hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ McDonough Telephone Cooperative is an ILEC serving rural areas of Illinois, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 3,497 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks with these Census Tract(s).

State: Illinois

| <u>County</u> | <u>Tract ID</u> |
|---------------|--|
| Hancock | 17067953700 17067953900 17067954000 17067954300 |
| Henderson | 17071973400 17071973500 |
| McDonough | 17109010100 17109010200 17109010300 |

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

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Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services will be provided with broadband transmission speeds that will exceed 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream in the designated areas.

Funding

Because the unserved high-cost census blocks within the selected Census Tracts have yet to be identified, McDonough Telephone Cooperative is unable to estimate the construction costs and amount of funding needed. The costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within 18 months after construction starts.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



Bill Buchanan
General Manager